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The SPECTATOR.

Spectaret Populum ludis attentius ipſis. Hor.

Monday, October 29. 1711.

I Have ſeveral Letters from People of good Senſe, who lament the Depravity or Poverty of Taſte the Town is fallen into with Relation to Plays and publick Spectacles. A Lady particular obſerves, that there is ſuch a Levity in the Minds of her own Sex, that they ſeldom attend any thing but Impertinences. It is indeed pro- to obſerve how little Notice is taken of the exalted Parts of the beſt Tragedies in *Shake-*, may it is not only viſible that Senſuality has ſeed all Greatneſs of Soul, but the under (as I may ſo call it) of a noble Spirit, Pity, to be a Stranger to the Generality of an Au- The Minds of Men are indeed very diffe- diſpoſed; and the Reliefs from Care and ion are of one ſort in a great Spirit, and of er in an ordinary one. The Man of a great and a ſerious Complexion, is more pleaſed inſtances of Generoſity and Pity, than the and ludicrous Spirit can poſſibly be with the eſt Strains of Mirth and Laughter: It is there- a melancholy Proſpect, when we ſee a numerous bly loſt to all ſerious Entertainments, and incidents as ſhould ſhould move one ſort of Concern, excite in them a quite contrary one. In Tragedy of *Macbeth* the other Night, when Lady who is conſcious of the Crime of murder- the King ſeems utterly aſtoniſhed at the News, makes an Exclamation at it; inſtead of the In- tion which is natural to the Occaſion, that is received with a loud Laugh: They merry when a Criminal was ſtabbed. It is ally an Occaſion of rejoycing when the Wick- are ſeized in their Deſigns; but, I think, it is ſuch a Triumph as is exerted by Laughter.

You may generally obſerve, that the Appetites more moved than the Paſſions: A ſly Expreſ- which alludes to Bawdry, puts a whole Row in- a pleaſing Smirk; when a good Sentence that deſcribes an inward Sentiment of the Soul, is re- with the greateſt Coldneſs and Indifference. Correſpondent of mine, upon this Subject, has the Female Part of the Audience, and ac- for their Prepoſſeſſion againſt this reaſonable Delight in the following Manner. The Prude, ſays he, as ſhe acts always in Contradiction, ſo ſhe is gravely ſullen at a Comedy, and extravagantly gay at a Tragedy. The Coquet is ſo much taken up with throwing her Eyes around the Audience, and conſidering the Effect of them, that ſhe cannot be expected to obſerve the Actors but as they are her Rivals, and take off the Obſervation of the Men from herſelf. Beſides theſe Species of Women, there are the *Examples*, or the firſt of the Mode: Theſe are to be ſuppoſed too well acquainted with what the Actor is going to ſay to be moved at it. After theſe one might mention a certain flippant Set of Females, who are Mimicks, and are wonderfully diverted with the Conduct of all the People around them, and are Spectators only of the Audience. But what is of all the moſt to be lamented, is, the Loſs of a Party whom it would be worth preſerving in their right Senſes upon all Occaſions, and theſe are thoſe whom we may indifferently call the Innocent or the Unaffected. You may ſometimes ſee one of theſe ſenſibly touched with a well wrought Incident, ; but then ſhe is immediately ſo impertinently obſerved by the Men, and frowned at by ſome inſenſible Superiour of her own Sex, that ſhe is aſhamed, and loſes the Enjoyment of the moſt laudable Concern, Pity. Thus the whole Audience is afraid of letting fall a Tear, and ſhun as a Weakneſs the beſt and worthieſt Part of our Senſe.

SIR,

'AS you are one that doth not only pretend to 'reform, but effects it amongſt People of a- 'ny Senſe; makes me (who are one of the great- 'eſt of your Admirers) give you this Trouble, to 'deſire you will ſettle the Method of us Females 'knowing when one another is in Town: For 'they have now get a Trick of never ſending to 'their Acquaintance when they firſt come; and if 'one does not viſit them within the Week which 'they ſtay at home, it is a mortal Quarrel. Now, 'dear Mr. SPEC. either command them to put it in 'the Advertiſement of your Paper, which is gene-

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‘ rally read by our Sex, or elſe order them to ‘ breathe their ſaucy Footmen, (who are good for ‘ nothing elſe) by ſending them to tell all their ‘ Acquaintance. If you think to print this, pray ‘ put it into a better Stile as to the ſpelling Part. ‘ The Town is now filling every Day, and it cannot ‘ be deferred, becauſe People take Advantage of ‘ one another by this Means, and break off Ac- ‘ quaintance, and are rude: Therefore pray put ‘ this in your Paper as ſoon as you can poſſibly, to ‘ prevent any future Miſcarriages of this Nature. ‘ I am, as I ever ſhall be,

Dear SPEC.

‘ Pray ſettle what is ‘ to be a proper No- ‘ tification of a Per- ‘ ſon's being in Town, ‘ and how that differs ‘ according to People's ‘ Quality.

Your moſt obedient Humble Servant,

Mary Meanwell.

Mr. SPECTATOR, *October the 20th.*

‘ I Have been out of Town, ſo did not meet with ‘ your Paper dated *September* the 28th, where- ‘ in you to my Heart's Deſire expoſe that curſed ‘ Vice of inſnaring poor young Girls, and draw- ‘ ing them from their Friends. I aſſure you with- ‘ out Flattery it has ſaved a Prentice of mine from ‘ Ruin; and in Token of Gratitude, as well as ‘ for the Benefit of my Family, I have put it in a ‘ Frame and Glaſs, and hung it behind my Coun- ‘ ter. I ſhall take Care to make my young ones ‘ read it every Morning, to fortify them againſt ‘ ſuch pernicious Raſcals. I know not whether ‘ what you writ was Matter of Fact, or your own ‘ Invention; but this I will take my Oath on, the ‘ firſt Part is ſo exactly like what happened to my ‘ Prentice, that had I read your Paper then, I ‘ ſhould have taken your Method to have ſecured a ‘ Villain. Go on and proſper.

Your moſt obliged humble Servant.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

‘ WIthout Raillery I deſire you to inſert this ‘ Word for Word in your next, as you ‘ value a Lover's Prayers. You ſee it is an Hue ‘ and Cry after a ſtray Heart (with the Marks and ‘ Blemiſhes underwritten) which whoever ſhall ‘ bring to you ſhall receive Satisfaction. Let me ‘ beg of you not to fail, as you remember the ‘ Paſſion you had for her to whom you lately ended a Paper.

Noble, Generous, Great, and Good,
But never to be underſtood;
Fickle as the Wind, ſtill changing,
After every Female ranging;
Panting, trembling, ſighing, dying,
But addicted much to lying:
When the Siren Songs repeats,
Equal Meaſures ſtill it beats;
Who e'er ſhall wear it, it will ſmart her,
And who e'er takes it, takes a Tartar.

By Her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane this preſent Monday, being the 29th of October, will be preſented a Play call'd, The Libertine deſtroy'd. The Part of Don John to be perform'd by Mr. Mills, Jacomo by Mr. Johnſon, Don Antonio by Mr. Powell, Don Lopez by Mr. Booth, Don Frederick by Mr. Keene; Leonora by Mrs. Knight, Maria by Mrs. Porter, Clara by Mrs. Willis, Phillis by Miſs Sherburn.

PROPOSALS for Graving and Printing the Gallery of RAPHAEL, at Hampton-Court.

IT being univerſally allowed, that the Cartoons in the ſaid Gallery are the moſt valuable Set of portable Figures in the World, and Her Majeſty having been graciouſly pleaſed to grant Her Royal Licence to Signior Nicola Dorigny (lately arrived from Rome) for copying and graving the ſame; the ſaid Signior Dorigny proceeds as follows. 1. That the full Work ſhall conſiſt of ſeven Plates, (viz.) one after each of the ſeven Cartoons; and one as a Frontiſpiece to the Whole, containing the Dedicative, with proper Ornaments. 2. That every Plate ſhall be about nine Inches high, four of them about thirty Inches long, and the other three about twenty five Inches, in Proportion to the reſpective Originals; and all of them printed upon the largeſt and very beſt Paper. 3. That the Subſcribers ſhall pay no more than four Guineas for a Set, whereof one Guinea to be paid in Hand, and the Remainder upon the Delivery of the ſaid Work compleat. 4. The ſaid Signior Dorigny doth oblige himſelf never to ſell them to any Perſon that is not a Subſcriber under five Guineas. By the moderate Price ſet upon this Work, it is hoped that all Lovers of Art will be ſatisfied, that the Undertaker aims at Reputation rather than Profit by it; for the Prints of the Battles, &c. of Alexander after Le Brun (but five in Number, and the original Paintings much inferiour to those of Raphael) are frequently ſold for twenty Guineas. How well qualified the ſaid Signior Dorigny is to perform his Part, is humbly ſubmitted to the Judgment of thoſe of the Nobility and Gentry of this Nation, who having ſeen the things that he has done (for twenty Years paſt) after Raphael and other the moſt celebrated Maſters in Rome, have invited him hither, and are pleaſed to encourage him in this noble Undertaking. Subſcriptions are taken by Signior Dorigny, at the Golden Head in the Little Piazza, Covent-Garden; at St. James's Coffee-Houſe in St. James's Street, York-Man's Coffee-Houſe at Charing-Croſs; Mr. Cooper's, a Printſeller, at the Three Pidgeons in Half-Moon-Street over-againſt the Exchange in the Strand; Mr. Charles Lillie, a Perfumer, at the Corner of Beauford-Buildings in the Strand; Mr. Charles Mather's, a Toy-ſhop, near Temple-Bar; Mr. Dighton's, Mr. Majeſty's Perfumer, at the City of Seville over-againſt the Inner Temple Gate; and at Pemberton's, a Toy-ſhop, oppoſite to Garraway's Coffee-houſe in Exchange-Alley.

To be Lett,

Newburg-houſe in St. James's-Park, next Door but one to my Lady Oxford's, having two Balls at the Gate, and Iron Rails, ſix Rooms beſides Cloſets on a Floor, with new fine Furniture. Enquire at the Place next ſaid.

Wines to be ſold by Retail.

Excellent Red and White Port, and Red and White Liſbon, being neat Wines as they came from the Grape, of the beſt Growth in Portugal. To be ſold by the Importer in a Vault in Brabant-Court in Philpot-Lane, viz. Red and White Port at 5s. per Gallon, or 14l. per Hhd. Red and White Liſbon at 5s. 6d. per Gallon, or 16l. per Hhd. Attendance will be given every Day.

At the Mountain Wine-Cellar under the Royal South-Sea Coffee-houſe in Broad-ſtreet, is ſold by retail excellent Mountain Malaga Wine at 6s. 8d. per Gallon or 1s. 9d. per Quart, and Red Viana Wine at 4d. per Quart, warranted all neat and pure from the Grape.

An experienced *Operator*, remov'd from St. Lawrence without Temple-Bar, to the next Door to the Talbot-Inn, near Surry-Street, in the Strand, who cures the Pains of the Head, and that inveterate Pain of the Tooth-Ach, without drawing them, by blowing in the Mouth three or four Ounces at a Time, as there is Occaſion. It cures the Scurvy of the Mouth and Gums, which rots the Teeth, and breeds Ulcers, Cankers, Cancers, Quinſies, and Swellings in the Cheeks and Throat. It takes away Diſeaſes in the Head, Dimneſs of the Sight, Pimples, Blotches, and Redneſs of the Face, by taking away the Scorbutick Blood, with using the Gargle; draws off the Rheum, eaſes the Pain, tho' never ſo great, cures the Sorgneſs of the Mouth, takes away all Swellings of the Face, and makes the Breath pleaſant: If the Teeth are black, you may have a pleaſant Water and Powder that will make them white, and if looſe, it will prevent their coming out, and for ever cures the Tooth-ach.

The ſaid Operator cups with an Engine, without Fire, ſtately to be ſeen, and is to be ſpoken with at all ſeaſonable Hours, except on Wedneſdays and Saturdays.

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